

### IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached drawing sheets include a change to Figures 1A and 1B. The sheets which include Figures 1A and 1B replace the original sheets including Figures 1A and 1B. The figures have been amended to include the words “—Prior Art—”. It is respectfully submitted that the proposed amendments to the drawings do not add new matter.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet  
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes



## REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

### Office Action Rejections Summary

Claims 7 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,265,941 of Lopata ("Lopata").

Claims 8-13 and 15 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-6 and 27-29 have been allowed.

### Status of Claims

Claims 1-6 and 8-15 and 27-29 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2 and 27 have been amended to more properly define preexisting claim limitations. Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent format including all the limitations of its original base claim. Claim 14 has been amended to depend from a pending claim. The amended claims are supported by the specification. No claims have been added. No new matter has been added. Claim 7 has been canceled by this amendment.

### Claim Rejections

Claims 7 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,265,941 of Lopata ("Lopata"). It is submitted that claim 7 has been cancelled and therefore the rejection with respect to claim 7 is moot. Claim 14 has been amended to depend from an allowable claim 8 as noted below.



Claims 8-13 and 15 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. It is submitted that claim 8 has been rewritten in independent format including all the limitations of its original base claim 7. Claims 9-15 depend from allowable claim 8. Therefore, claims 8-15 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-6 and 27-29 have been allowed. It is submitted that claims 1, 2 and 27 have been amended to more properly define preexisting claim limitations and are in condition for allowance.

In conclusion, applicants respectfully submit that in view of the amendments set forth herein, the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome.

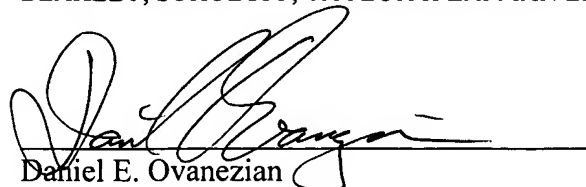
If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Daniel Ovanezian at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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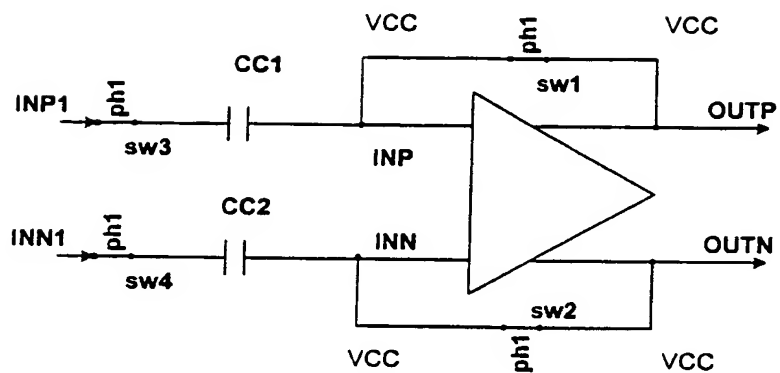


FIG. 1B  
(Prior Art) — added



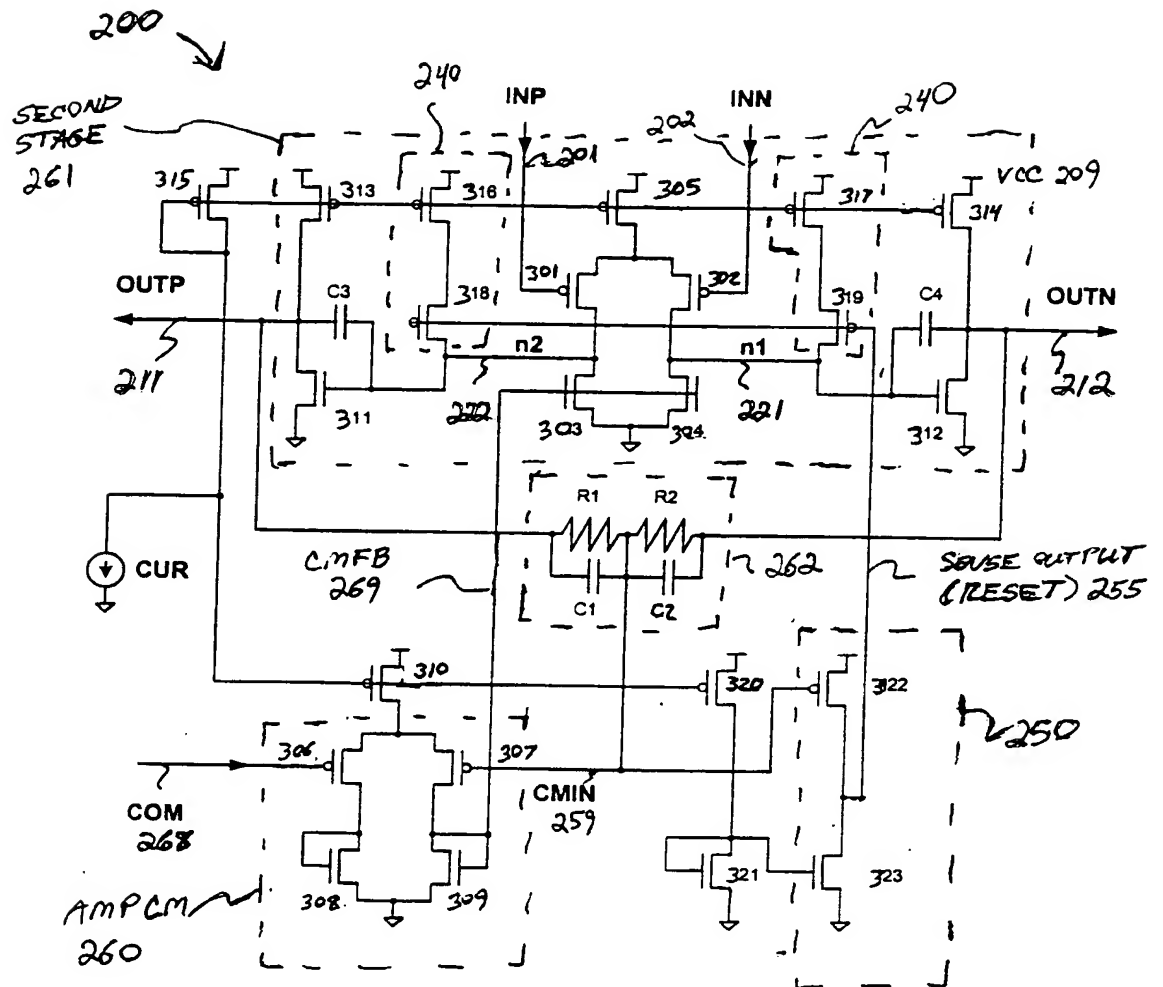


FIG. 2

(Prior Art) - added